

"SPORTS OF THE TIMES" DISPATCH

PROTECT GAME IN VIRGINIA FIELDS

Annual Meeting of Association Takes Vigorous Steps in That Direction.

APPEALS TO LEGISLATURE

The annual meeting of the Game Protective Association of Virginia, held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute yesterday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Dr. J. B. Fisher, Mr. G. C. Smith, of Hanover county, presided.

The attendance upon the meeting was small, not more than two dozen of the 312 members being present, but it was something of an enthusiastic meeting nevertheless.

Conditions in Virginia.

The secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. T. Christian, submitted a report, which is in part as follows:

"At no former period have the citizens of this State been so thoroughly aroused as to game protection than at present. The increased scarcity has been recognized, and apprehension as to its complete annihilation, unless some diligent protection is inaugurated, is the opinion of those best informed on the subject.

The marshes and feeding grounds for the waterfowl, for some reason, fail to be attractive this season in Virginia. Canvasbacks, redheads, and the shooting of large variety of ducks is practically a thing of the past, and without better protection, the mallard will become scarce as other variety of waterfowl.

"From the best information obtainable, about the usual quantity of quail pheasants, and turkeys were found last season. The market-hunter began his deadly work early, and early in November the market was flooded with game. Large quantities either arrived in a spoiled condition, or were spoiled soon after arrival, and were destroyed.

"There is an increased tendency to prohibit the sale of quail, pheasants, and turkeys, and unless this is done at an early date, these birds will practically become extinct.

"About 100 quail were found on this market, after the game season, and were confiscated, no doubt there were other birds which were not discovered.

"There is no doubt that much game is sent from Virginia to other markets, and with the present imperfect warden system, this is difficult to prevent.

"An effort should be made in the next Legislature to materially improve the conditions by securing amendments to our present game laws.

"It should be realized the fact that our game should be protected; it may be done by united effort; to this end we sincerely hope that next year the influence of this association may be felt throughout Virginia, and that at our next meeting a report can be made showing great advancement in our work."

Resolutions Adopted.

A resolution was adopted protesting against the suggested abolition of the biological survey, and urging an increase in the governmental appropriation for this bureau, to the end that the scope of its investigations and its sphere of usefulness may be enlarged. The association commended the work of the survey and directed that a copy of the resolution be sent to each member of the Virginia delegation in Congress.

Another resolution, offered by Mr. L. T. Christian, and setting forth the position of the association on a number of matters of importance, was adopted after some discussion, as follows:

"That we urge that the State law be so amended as to eliminate the powers of the Board of Supervisors in allowing wild waterfowl to be shipped from the State.

"That this association urge the next Legislature to enact a law prohibiting the sale of quail, pheasants and wild turkeys in this State.

"That we urge the Legislature to enact a law preventing hunting dogs from running at large during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

"That we urge the passage of a law by the Legislature imposing a resident license tax on owners of this State (excluding former residents on his own land) of one dollar, and the creation of a State commissioner of game, the expense of said department to be paid from the amount received from the hunting license.

"That the Department of Agriculture, was introduced and addressed the association at some length, in advocacy of the reforms called for in these resolutions. Dr. Palmer particularly urged the adoption of a resident license tax on owners of this State, and the creation of a State commissioner of game, the expense of said department to be paid from the amount received from the hunting license.

Other speakers were Mr. C. D. Wingfield and Mr. Jackson Guy. A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Palmer for his proffered aid, and the secretary was instructed to furnish him with the necessary information to enable him to render the assistance proposed.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. B. Fisher, of Chesterfield county; Vice-Presidents, C. W. Wingfield, of Henrico; H. E. Byrd, of Accomac; Secretary and Treasurer, L. T. Christian, of Richmond.

The report of the treasury shows the finances of the association to be in fairly good shape.

Ways and means to awaken a greater interest for the outdoors, the association was discussed at length, but in an informal way.

The next annual meeting of the association will probably be held in the fall of this year during State Fair week.

Chess Tournament.

The Chess and Checker Club started the playing of a tournament at the Elks Club last night. The tournament will last for several nights. The players seemed to have started out well, but the game is yet "too young" for any forecast of results.

A MOMENT IN THE GAME AFTER WHICH SOME WILL CRY "ROBBER"



JACK SHERIDAN RENDERING A CLOSE DECISION.

This is the only time of year when baseball players and fans have any use for the much-maligned and despised umpire. Now every one is trying to smooth the umpires down, and clubs and players are seeking them and their good graces.

FIVE OUT OF SEVEN WINNERS WERE LONG SHOT GAMBLERS

Thirty to One and Twenty-Five to One Were the Figures—"Tiling" Beat Out "Peter Sterling" for the \$3,000 Rex Handicap—Gresham Disqualified.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12.—Five out of the seven winners of races at City Park to-day were long shots, being quoted at 30 and another at 25 to 1. Gresham was disqualified in the first race for forcing Princess Sue to run wide, first place being given to Princess Sue. Tiling won the Rex handicap, valued at nearly \$3,000.

First race—three and a half furlongs—Princess Sue (30 to 1) first, Notasulga (6 to 1) second, Ben Sand (8 to 1) third.

Second race—short course steeplechase handicap—Uncle James (10 to 1) first, Incantation (9 to 5) second, Henry A. Schroeder (5 to 1) third. Time, 3:01.4-5.

Third race—seven furlongs, selling—Pleasant (3 to 1) first, Miss Leda (3 to 5) second, Donna (25 to 1) third. Time, 1:27.4-5.

Fourth race—mile and — furlongs—Rex handicap—Tiling (16 to 5) first, Peter Sterling (11 to 5) second, Lady Navarre (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:52.

Fifth race—mile, selling—Silver Skin (25 to 1) first, Ternus (5 to 2) second, Dr. Sprull (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:40.

Sixth race—six furlongs—Spion (7 to 1) first, Grace George (13 to 1) second, Blaker Miss (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:13.3-5.

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Originally it was said that Richmond, Petersburg, Newport News and Emporia would be the cities comprising the league. Now it seems that only independent ball will be played. Emporia will certainly have a strong independent team made up of those who are not quite fast enough to make the State League. Richmond will also have a good, fast aggregation of ball players, and Newport News is so much opposed to Norfolk and Portsmouth that two teams are likely to spring up there.

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BASEBALL GOSSIP

Baseball players who have made a reputation on the diamond hall from every part of the country. From the Gulf to the Lakes the great stars who have handled the horseshoe meandered into the limelight. It makes no difference where a ballplayer is, if he can deliver the goods he is the real article, and he can always keep a contract tucked away in his vest pocket.

Field on an average of 975 and half anywhere in the neighborhood of 300, and there is no better folder in Virginia. His "oneness" was the record for batting. His percentage was near the 600 mark. Then Glenn was a Richmond player, and he was well known to the fans who like the national game.

No one ever disputed the fact that "Pop" Tate, now one of the best of the Richmond Police Department, was a good player. His percentage was near the 600 mark. Then Glenn was a Richmond player, and he was well known to the fans who like the national game.

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Italian Aeronauts Send a Challenge For the International Balloon Cup

Word Received Yesterday By Cable From President of Aero Club of Italy, But It May Be Too Late, As Time Limit Has Expired.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Italy has at last issued a challenge for the International Balloon Cup. Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, last night received a message to this effect by cable from the president of the Aero Club of Italy.

It is doubtful, however, whether the challenge can be accepted. The limit for entries expired on February 1st, but a challenge was placed in the mails on that date it is believed it could still be accepted. Mr. Bishop has asked Frank H. Lahm, foreign representative of the Aero Club, to consult with representatives of the other clubs in the International federation as to the possibility of still admitting Italy.

Emanuel Quella, instructor in ballooning in the Imperial Aero Academy of Vienna and first lieutenant of artillery, has asked to be admitted to the contest. The papers of the International federation it is doubtful whether his challenge can be accepted. Mr. Lahm has also been asked to look into this matter.

Lewis D. Dozier, president of the Aero Club of St. Louis, had a conference yesterday with officers of the Aero Club of America with regard to preparations for the race. He confirmed the fact that the St. Louis club will furnish one of the three balloons to be entered by America.

An offer was received yesterday from the Aero Club of Philadelphia of a new balloon, the Ben Franklin, for use in the International race, but as the capacity of the balloon is 23,000 cubic feet—the largest balloon ever constructed in this country—it cannot be used, as the limit of capacity, according to the rules of the contest, is 23,000 cubic feet.

Seventy acceptances have been received to the dinner to be given by the Aero Club at the St. Regis on March 14th, including that of former Governor Francis, of Missouri.

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DECLINED TO HEAR RECORDER'S PETITION

(Continued from First Page.)

The Circuit Court of Henrico county, Your petitioner, H. C. Hechler, treasurer of the county of Henrico, Va., most respectfully and earnestly petitions your Honor to review and rehear the order entered on the 2d day of February, 1907, upon the rule issued on the 7th day of January, 1907, dismissing this petition on account of averred evidence, and for errors of fact and of law.

In the written opinion delivered at the time of entering said order, your Honor, among other things, said: "The evidence clearly shows that the shortage on October 1, 1906, instead of being \$3,573.86, was larger, to-wit, the sum of \$4,173.86 (the p. 43). During the month of October the respondent made good \$3,293.70 of this shortage, leaving a balance due by him November 1st, 1906, of \$880.16."

Your petitioner now avers that he has since the hearing of this case had an opportunity to carefully review his books, and that he has discovered that the facts as to this are these: That on October 3, 1906, the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county, in their settlement with this petitioner, charged this respondent up as of September 30, 1906, the end of the fiscal year, with various and sundry collections, aggregating the sum of \$4,252.08, whereas, in fact, this respondent had only collected the sum of \$2,455.20, the difference being in tax bills for the year 1905, amounting to \$1,796.88, which were then in this petitioner's possession and with which the said Board of Supervisors charged him as of September 30, 1906, but which, in fact, had not then been collected. 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